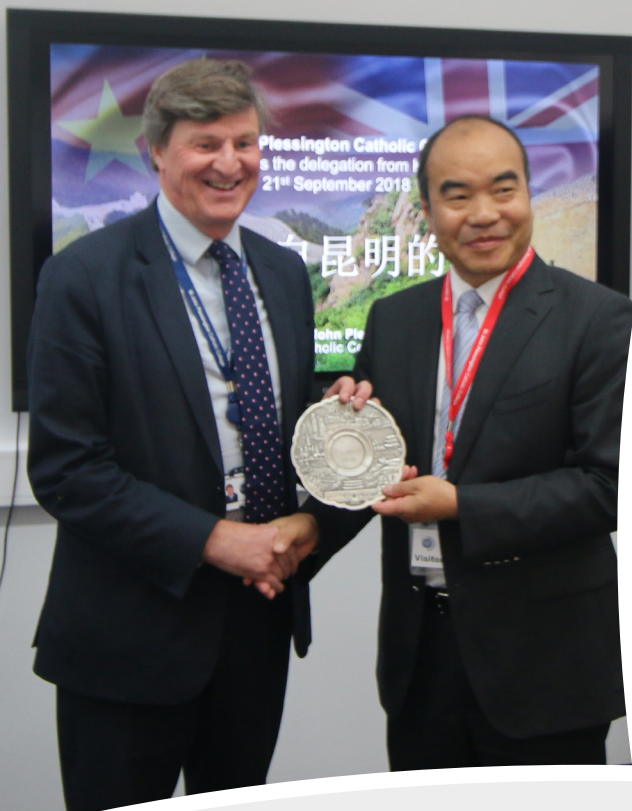




St John Plessington Catholic College Newsletter

We were delighted to welcome the delegation from Kunming City to our College.

On Friday 21st September we were delighted to welcome a delegation from the Kunming Municipal People's Government to establish a link between their beautiful city and our College.



Our visitors enjoyed a tour of the College, experienced a Spanish lesson with Year 10 students, met with students in Year 7 who are currently studying Mandarin as well as with Sixth Form students who have either been to or who are going to China to visit our existing sister schools in Taicang and Wenzhou and finally enjoyed a discussion with our Executive Head Teacher about how we can develop our partnership over afternoon tea! We are delighted to further enhance our students' opportunities to work with students in schools across China.



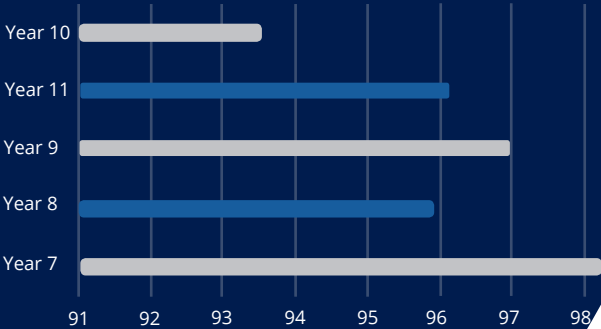
COMING UP This Week - 24.09.18

24 Sept	Trip to Confucius Institute Chinatown World's Largest Lesson begins
25 Sept	Yr 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork
26 Sept	OPEN MORNING - 9.00 - 11.00am Yr 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork European Day of Languages
27 Sept	
28 Sept	

COMING UP Next Week - 01.10.18

01 Oct	Black History Month DofE Silver Qualifier 1 (Yr 11) PSHE P3
02 Oct	Barcelona Trip DofE Silver Qualifier 1 Yr 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork
03 Oct	No Pen Day DofE Silver Qualifier 1 (Yr 11) World Challenge Parental Evening
04 Oct	Barcelona Trip National Poetry Day World Animal Day
05 Oct	Barcelona Trip

ATTENDANCE 17.09.18 - 21.09.18



Extra-Curricular Round Up

Last week saw fantastic numbers from all years attending extra-curricular clubs in PE both at academic review and after school. In particular the number of year 7's that have been attending both girls and boys clubs has been very encouraging to see. A reminder that all students are welcome to any club that is available to them and if you're not sure what clubs are on then just nip over to PE and ask one of the PE staff or have a look at our brand new extra-curricular board.

Fixtures this week include:

Wednesday - Year 7 boys football v
Bebington High School

Wednesday – Year 9 boys rugby v
Woodchurch High School

Thursday - Year 8 boys rugby v
Woodchurch High School

Emmaus Walk

On Friday our Year 12 pupils took part in the Emmaus Walk up Moel Famau. This is one of many Sixth Form charity events, raising money for The Wirral Foodbank.

We all gathered in the school hall for an introduction to the day by Gerard. He explains the purpose of the walk is to enable the students to take some time out of their normal routine and to share each other's story as they complete the walk. This walk is closely linked to the Emmaus walk taken by Christ. After everyone was accounted for, the buses eventually arrived and we set off on our journey. Typically as we approached Wales, the heavens opened and it began to rain. Once off the bus the walk began.

Again there were some smiling faces, accompanies by shouts of “my hair is going to get frizzy!” It wasn't Mr Ledsham!

Following a very small road we arrived at the starting point, and after a quick play on the swings, we set off to conquer the “mountain” as many students called it. The first part of the walk was steep and once we had passed the wooden chicken, the incline became steeper. The rain seemed to fade and the path opened up to allow some wonderful sights of North Wales. Many students took this opportunity to take some photos and enjoy the view. As the first group approached the final stretch, the incline was again increased and this was a particularly challenging part of the walk. Wet, slippery rocks and tired students made it a tough final push to the top... but it was worth it! Although there was a lot of mist around the summit of Moel Famau, the breathtakingly fantastic views were worth the effort. As I stood at the top cheering and congratulating the approaching groups of students, the joy on their faces was great to see. Many had overcome personal challenges to get to the top and there were many proud moments of students helping and supporting each other to reach the top together. After some lunch, a few group photos and meeting up with St Mary's Catholic College at the top, we descended down another route to experience many sheep crossing the path. Across the hills you could her singing, laughing and some “tunes” being played. The students were really “sharing their stories”. Once at the bottom car park, “the drone” made an appearance and captured the student's final section of the walk, and again some students enjoying playing on the swings!!! One final push back to the coach, and the walk was completed. It was a very different coach ride home.

Gone was the loud chatter, the singing and the excitement of the day, replaced by closed eyes, coats used as blankets and a low murmur of chatter. It was a peaceful time.

We arrived back at school and off the students went having conquered a mountain, laughed and shared their stories.



PE Extra-Curricular Timetable

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11/13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10/7 Assembly	Friday 9/8 Assembly
12-12.35pm	Boccia Club PE BTEC Club	Yr 9/10 Netball (CO) Yr 9/10 Basketball (MJH)	Yr 9/10/11 Rugby (JSE) Year 9 Dance (AN)	Yr 9/11 Rugby (AN) Yr 9 Football (MJH) Yr 9/11 Badminton (LC)	Yr 10 Dance (CO) Yr 10 /11 Football (LC)
12.35-1.10pm		Yr 7/8 Tag Rugby (AN) Yr 7/8 Basketball (JSE, LC)	Yr 7& 8 Netball (CO) Yr 7/8 Football (LC, MJH)	Yr 8 Dance (CO) Yr 8 Rugby (JSE)	Yr 7 Dance (AN) Yr 7 Rugby (JSE/MJH)
3.20-4.20pm	All years Football All years Dance PE Fixtures-various	Meeting Night	All years Basketball All years girls Football PE BTEC Club PE Fixtures-various	All years Rugby All years Netball PE Fixtures-various	PE BTEC Club

BOYS CLUBS / GIRLS CLUBS/MIXED CLUBS

Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Timetable

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11/13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10/7 Assembly	Friday 9/8 Assembly
12-12.40 pm	Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed. BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups)	Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed. BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups)	Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed. BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups) Year 9 and 10 Oracy Club (RLS) DR1	Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed. BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups)	Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed. BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups)
12.40-1.15pm	BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups)	Year 7 and Year 8 Oracy Club (CED) DR2 LAMDA (JMR) Spotlight Seniors (SJC) School of Rock (ALJ) Guitar Club (LJS)	Chamber Choir (LJS) Year 7 Choir (ALJ) Spotlight Juniors (Yr7-9 Scriptwriting SJC) Year 9 Drama Club (CED)	Band (LJS) KS4 Drama Club (CED) Music Theory Club (ALJ) Year 8 Stage Combat Club (JMR) Pantomime Production (SJC)	Year 12 and 13 Oracy Club (JMR) WEEK 2 DR1 Year 7 Drama Club (SJC) Band (LJS) College Choir (ALJ) Spotlight Boys (CED)
3.20-4.20pm	BTEC INTERVENTION (SJC and ALJ) Panto Rehearsals (CED, LJS, JMR)	PPM	BTEC INTERVENTION (LJS) Panto Rehearsals (SJC, JMR, ALJ, CED)	BTEC INTERVENTION (JMR) Panto Rehearsals (SJC, CED, ALJ, LJS)	BTEC INTERVENTION (CED) Panto Rehearsals (SJC, JMR, ALJ, LJS)



SJP European Day of Languages
Monday 24th- Friday 28th September 2018
Come and join in with exciting language activities with the MFL department!



MONDAY- French Film Evening 3:30pm-5pm in College Hall. Year 7 and 8 invited. 50p a ticket including refreshments!



WEDNESDAY- Year 7 treasure hunt. Collect your entry forms in Academic Review before Wednesday. Year 8 Spanish phrase challenge. Collect your entry forms in Academic Review before Wednesday. All year groups – European Day of Language interactive quiz during Academic Review. Prizes available.

THURSDAY- All year groups- European Food Tasting in LA1. Try a variety of foods from several countries.

FRIDAY- Year 12 and 13. I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here Food Challenge. Both year groups to compete with each other to discover who can stomach the most unusual foods from around the world. Lunchtime in the Drama Studio. 50p entry fee.



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Thought for the week
W/C 24th September 2018

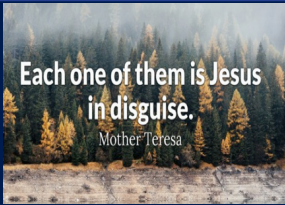
“In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds”.

Henri Nouwen



Pope Francis tells us:
Hatred is not to be carried in the name of God! War is not to be waged in the name of God.

Liturgical Theme
W/C 24th September 2018



Violence breeds violence, Jesus would never tolerate it. He stopped his disciples arguing. He stopped Peter using his sword and he died a victim of violence. In a Christian community like ours there should be no place for any form of violence; and that includes people with attitudes and violent language and bullying. Major world conflicts can grow from people falling out with each other.